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October 1st, 1936, saw the ending of one tenure of command of the Regiment and the commencement of another.

On this date Lieut. Colonel H.W. Niven, D.S.O., M.C., Officer Commanding, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, commenced a period of leave pending retirement, whilst Major W.G. Colquhoun, M.C., assumed command.

Lieut. Col. Niven received his early training in London, Ont., and became an active Militiaman as a young man in his native town prior to leaving for the West.

The years before the War found him following an ever increasing trend of business in the rapidly developing areas about Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton.

With the call to arms in August, 1914, Lt. Col. Niven was amongst the first to offer his services to his country and left Edmonton with the original draft recruited in that city for the P.P.C.L.I., authority for whose raising and mobilization had been approved by the War Office.

Upon his arrival in Ottawa he was offered a commission in the Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant and, taking his place as one of the original officers, he was instrumental in assisting with the mobilization and training of the overseas battalion.

His record of service with the Regiment in the field is indeed an enviable one, and in carrying out the duties of Transport Officer, Adjutant, Company Commander and Second-in-Command, his energy, determination and fearlessness were always an inspiration to all ranks, with whom he was most popular. He was twice wounded and was promoted to the rank of Major in the field. For his services in France he was awarded the D.S.O. and Bar, the M.C., and was three times mentioned in Despatches.

Following the War, Lt. Col. Niven was posted to the Regiment with the rank of Major upon its re-organization as a unit of the Permanent Active Militia.

In the intervening years he has commanded companies in London, Ont., Winnipeg, Man, and Victoria, B.C., and in January, 1931, assumed command of the Regiment in Winnipeg with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

His efficient administration, his loyalty and personal example at all times in matters pertaining to the Unit has had an inspiring effect on all ranks.

All ranks of the Patricia's desire to extend to Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Niven best wishes for their continued good health, happiness and prosperity through the years of their retirement.

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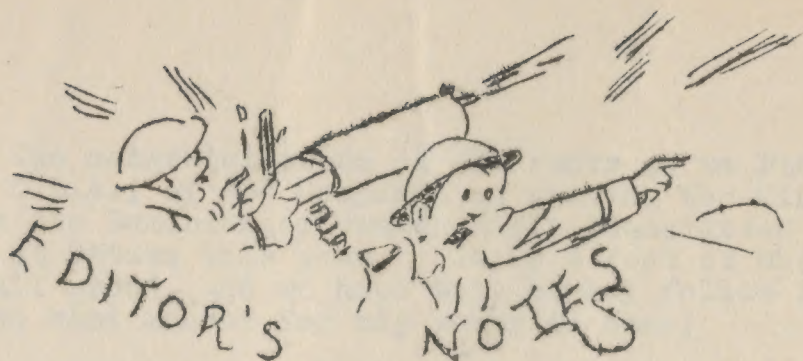
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With this issue our readers will find a change in the style and title of their paper. What started as a purely Esquimalt effort, the result of an idea shared by a couple of people, is growing into a record of the daily doings and thoughts of the members of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, from the head of the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast. It has been realized that our old title was not fully in accord with the widening scope of the publication and it is the fond hope of the Staff that the amended name will find approval from those whose activities are our concern.

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It was found impossible to publish the Patrician during the late Spring and Summer. What with Spring training, Camp Schools, Machine Gun Concentrations, Route Marches, Weddings, and Open Hours in the Garrison Canteen, all the devotion of the Staff availed naught in the way of publication. However, all things do happen in their appointed time, and even now this edition of our paper is humbly offered for the enjoyment and edification of such as may deign to read the same.

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From time to time, in these columns, we have called the attention of all good, loyal and faithful friends to the sad fact that we are not circulating our magazine to nearly enough ex-members of the Regiment. One of the aims and ambitions of this paper is to keep former Patricia's in touch with the Regiment, and, to this end, we again beg and beseech every one of our readers to put their copy in the way of all the Old Comrades whom they can waylay, and get them enrolled in the list of subscribers.

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The congratulations of all ranks go to Pte. Robins, C.L.A., of "B" Company, on winning the King's Medal at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Meeting at Ottawa this year. It is a feat of which we are all proud, and we hope that he may follow it up in the best manner for many years to come.

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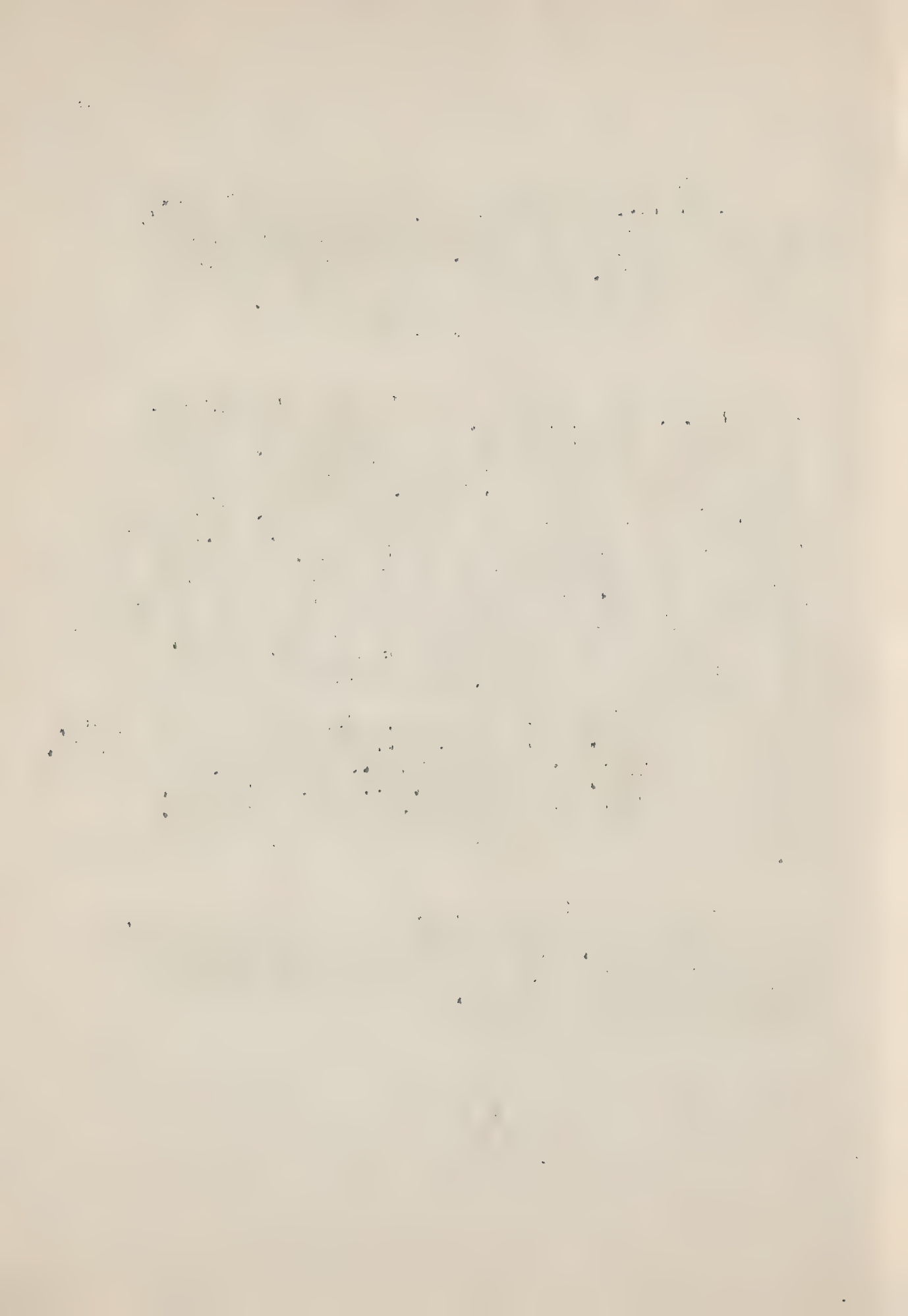
With real regret we say "Good-bye" to Lieut-Colonel H.W. Niven, DSO, MC, who relinquishes command of the Regiment shortly and retires to pension. We have included in this issue a very short survey of his service with the Regiment, which, to many of our older comrades, will recall other and busier days. Colonel Niven's going takes from us another of the, now, very few Originals who have stayed in the Service, and severs another link with the formation of the Regiment and it's earliest history. It is the sincere wish of all ranks that Colonel Niven may find the leisure and the opportunity to pay many and frequent visits to his old command. His going leaves but five of the "Original" members of the regiment still serving, they are:-

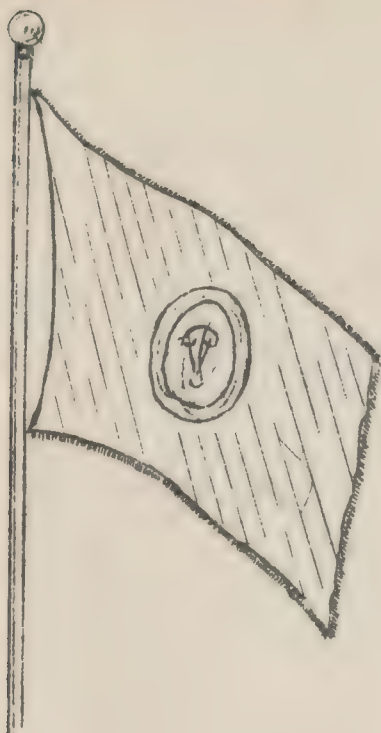
Major W.G. Colquhoun, MC., Commanding the Reg't.
 Capt. J.N. Edgar, M.C., Commanding Esquimalt St'n.
 SMI. J. Crawford, MM., Saskatoon.
 CQMS. A.G. Meachem, MM., MSM., "A" Coy.
 Pte. D.W. Cuthbert. "B" Coy.

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Major W.G. Colquhoun, MC, has left for Winnipeg, where he will take over the command of the Regiment from Colonel Niven. All ranks offer him their loyal and unswerving support, and wish him a very happy and successful tenure of command.

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Regimental Notes

The Ceremony of "Trooping the Colour" was carried out by the Winnipeg **Station** of the Regiment on the 9th of May at Fort Osborne Barracks.

Lieutenant Colonel W.H. Niven, D.S.O., M.C., Officer Commanding the Regiment, addressed the men explaining the significance of the Ceremony.

His speech, in part, follows:-

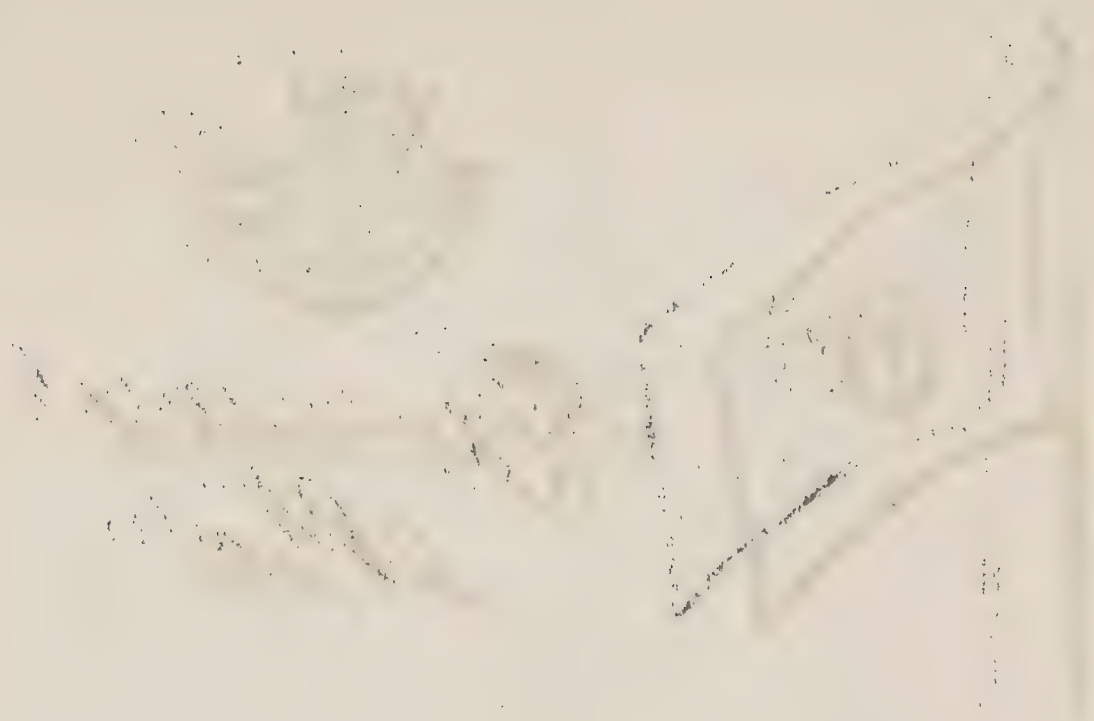
"Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men. Today for the first time you have Trooped your New Colour with the Battle Honours emblazoned upon it, and you have all paid your respects to it.

To the older soldiers it has brought back memories of former ceremonies of this kind and to the younger soldiers it has been your official introduction to your New Colours, in the hope that the grand traditions you have fallen heir to, will make you better soldiers and foster the Regimental spirit that is the backbone of the British Army.

Twenty-one years ago yesterday, your original Colour waved in the front line all day and was bespattered with shrapnel and bullets.

It waved to encourage the Regiment to the greatest deeds and to the greatest sacrifices. Time after time the flower of the Prussian Infantry attacked our position and time after time they were driven back, and when only one hundred and fifty were left of the seven hundred that fought side by side in the morning, your Colour was still waving over our position.

The history of the Regiment is full of deeds of great sacrifice, the effacement of the individual for the good of the Regiment. It is indeed a glorious tradition you have fallen heir to.



At moments such as this our thoughts turn backwards to honour the men who inspired the Regiment by their gallant courage and leadership.

Our first Commanding Officer, Lt.Col. Francis Farquhar, who was killed at St. Eloi - Lt.Col. Herbert Buller, who was killed at Sanctuary Wood - Lt.Col. Charles Stewart who was killed at Cambrai - Lt.Col. Pelly - Lt.Col. Agar Adamson and Lt.-Col. A. Hamilton-Gault, who raised the Regiment.

We are indeed fortunate to have such men to guide the conduct of this Regiment and leave us such traditions. May this Ceremony inspire you to uphold the fair name of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in times of Peace, and add to the traditions that were second to none in the British Army during the late War".

On the conclusion of the Ceremony Brigadier J.L.Gordon, D.F.C., District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 10, presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to five members of the Regiment and then took the salute as the Patricia's marched off in Column-of-fours.

The recipients of the medals were:

Sgt. F. Bliss
A/Sgt. R. Morrison
L/Cpl. R. Webb
Bdmn. C.S. Longman.
Pte. D.P. Sheedy.

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"SANDY"

Sandy started life as a Polo Pony and was taken on the strength of the P.P.C.L.I. in August, 1914, at Ottawa. He went through the War as an Officer's Charger and completed his sporting career as a Hunter (By Courtesy).

Sandy was returned to Lt.Col. A. Hamilton-Gault, D.S.O. at the end of the War and was turned out to grass at Hatch Court, Taunton, in Somersetshire, where, because of his War Service, he "bossed the show". Sandy died full of years in 1935 - "A Sporting Gentleman".

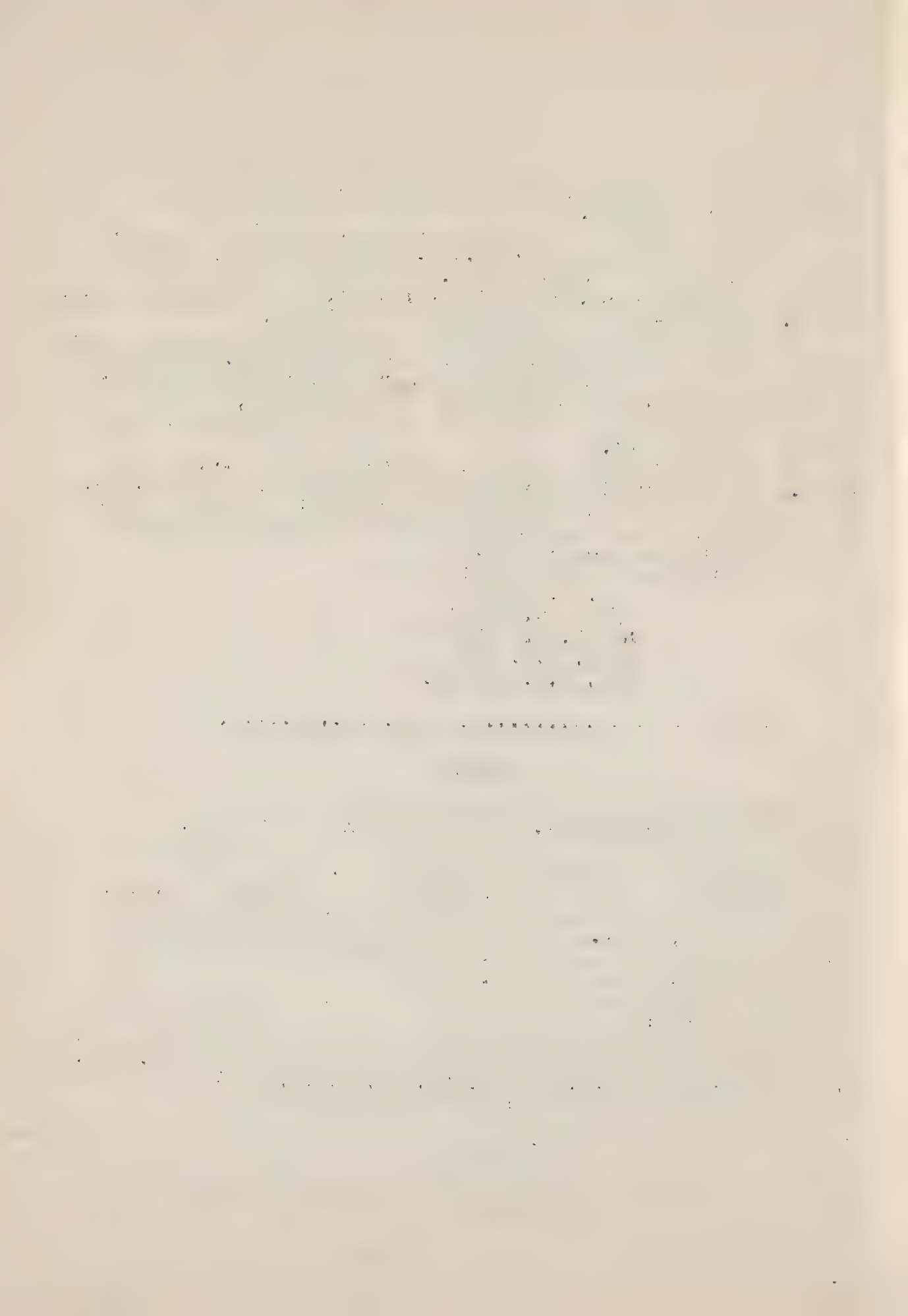
The following notice appeared in Regimental Orders on the 26th August 1936:

"A silver mounted horse hoof, converted into a snuff box, has been presented to the Officers of the Regiment by Lt. Col. A. Hamilton-Gault, D.S.O. (Hon. Lt.Col. P.P.C.L.I.)

On the outside of the lid is inscribed

Sandy
served with
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
1914-1918

On the inside of the lid is inscribed



This horse
was the charger of
Lieut.Colonel Hamilton Gault, D.S.O.
the founder of the Regiment
and was over 30 years old
when he died
at Hatch Court in Somerset
in 1935.

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Congratulations are offered the following, who have taken a step further up the ladder since our last issue appeared.

Cpl. Bethell to be Acting Sergeant,
L/Cpl. MacLean to be Acting Corporal, and
Pte. Seal to be Lance-Corporal, all effective 22nd June.
C.S.M.I. Hawkes to be Q.M.S.I. effective 9th September.
L/Cpl. Baker to be Sergt.-Instructor (P.T.) and posted
to M.D. No. 13, effective 1st October.
Cpl.(Tailor) Morrison to be Sergeant (Tailor) effective
1st November.

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All ranks of the Regiment heard with profound sorrow of the death, on 18th September, of Mrs. Annie Lovelock. Their sympathies are extended to S.M.I. Lovelock and his family in their sad bereavement.

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Three changes in "A" Coy. personnel of interest to us all have occurred recently. On October 1st, Major E.M. MacBrayne, M.C., took over command of "A" Coy. coming to us from Esquimalt, to where, just the day before, departed a well-known member of our company, - A/Sgt. Bethell. On the 16th of November, Lieut. Cotton left us for England, where he will spend the next two years "on Exchange", attached to the Rifle Brigade.

We heartily welcome our new Company Commander and wish Lieut. Cotton and Sgt. Bethell good fortune in their new surroundings.

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The following have left us, since our last appearance in these pages, for civil life. Good luck to them!

A/Sgt. Gambles, A.E., A/Cpl. Hill, G., Bdn. Longman, C.S., and
Ptes. Day, J.C., Laird, J.W., McIntosh, A.D., Peters, F.C.,
Rothery, F., Smith, A.G. and Usher, H.C.

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Among the "old soldiers" are now to be numbered the following, who have been awarded the "Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)". Congratulations!

Q.M.S. W.J.A. Wallace, Q.M.S.I. A. Speirs, C.S.M.I. G.W. Joiner.

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Sgt. Hird proceeded to Camp Borden, Ont., on the 11th April to conduct a School of Cookery at R.C.S. Training Centre returning just in time to proceed to St. Charles Camp with the Regiment.

On April 30th the M.G. Platoon won the Dominion Marksmen Provincial Shoot for 1935-36. High score was that of L/Cpl. Cade, W.H. "A" Company was second in the Provincial Championship. The high score was made by Pte. Benzie, J. Congratulations to the Machine Gunners.

The Annual Church parade of the Regiment was held on May 10th at All Saints' Church. The Service was conducted by Rev. Wm. Askey and was attended by the Patricia Club also. After the Service a Wreath was placed on the Winnipeg Cenotaph by the Commanding Officer. Brigadier J.F. Gordon, D.F.C. was present at the Church Parade and took the salute after the Service.

The Regiment (less "B" Company) proceeded to Camp at St. Charles Ranges on the 27th of May with many prayers and hopes of retaining or winning those Crossed Rifles.

Winnipeg's Annual Decoration Day was held on May 31st and the troops were taken into Winnipeg by motor truck to attend same.

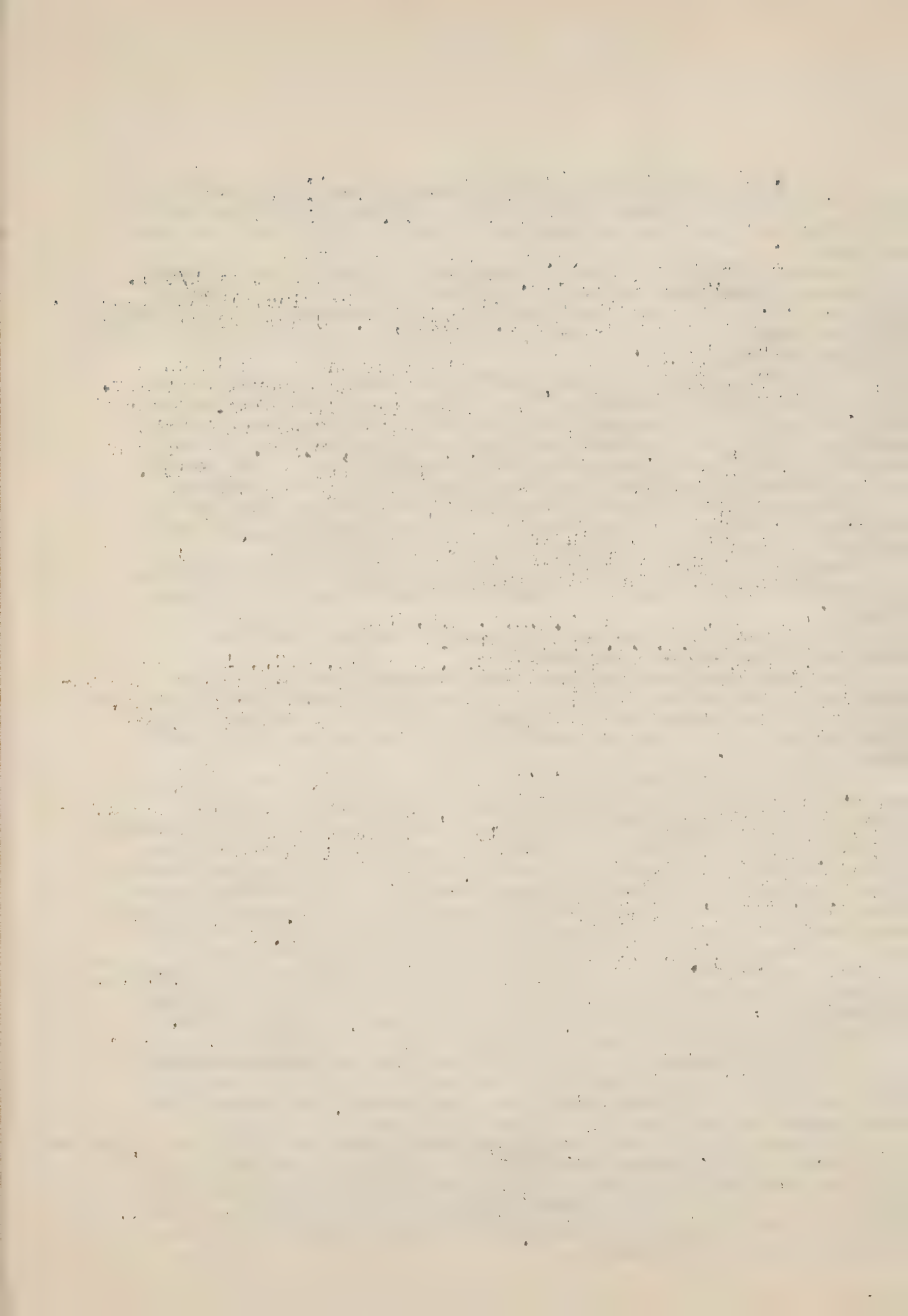
Congratulations to Q.M.S.I. M.D. Robertson who was promoted from C.S.M.I. on June 1st.

On July 7th Band Sergeant C.H. Simpson, M.C., left for England to attend the Viny Celebration on the occasion of the unveiling of the Canadian War Memorial by His Majesty the King. Needless to say we are all somewhat envious of the Sergeant's good fortune.

Captain A.W. Hunt, M.M., and fourteen other ranks went to St. Charles Ranges on the 14th July to participate in the Manitoba Rifle Association Meeting, where they all did exceedingly well and are to be congratulated on the excellent showing made. When they returned to Barracks on the 18th they had annexed The Hudson's Bay Cup won by Capt. Hunt, the Tyro Shield won by Pte. J. Toner, the Militia Match Cup won by the Regimental Team, the Governor-General's Silver Medal won by Capt. Hunt, and last, but far from least a handy little extra of \$282.50 in cash prizes. At St. Charles Ranges Captain Hunt succeeded in winning a place on the team which represented Manitoba at the D.C.R.A. in Ottawa, where he was again successful in winning a place on the Canadian Bisley Team. Nice shooting, Captain Hunt.

On the occasion of His Excellency the Governor-General's visit to Winnipeg, the Guard of Honour at the C.P.R. Depot was provided by "A" Company, where, we are pleased to report, the usual smart and efficient showing was made.

At Assiniboine Park, on August 29th under the able direction of Q.M.S.I. J.T. Harper, PPCLI(IC) the Regiment put on a P.T. Display, and judging from the many complimentary remarks made both by the press and the 2000 civilians who attended, was by far the best display of Physical Training, Gymnastics, etc., ever put on by the Regiment.



The following recruits have joined the Regiment since our last issue. We hope they will find success and happiness in their new careers.

Pte. Anderson, H.J.C.	Pte. Bishop, K.B.	Bdn. Blackie, W.D.
" Ball, T.A.	" Brigham, E.R.	" Crawford, C.W.
" Church, M.R.	" Deegan, C.R.	" Hill, R.W.
" Gajerski, S.J.	" Juryn, M.	" Britton, A.H.
" Laird, J.W.	" Rehill, C. McK.	Pte. Scherk, W.G.

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Captain J.B. Gordon-Duff, The Rifle Brigade, reported at Winnipeg on 5th December, 1936, on interchange duty. We all hope he will enjoy his stay in Canada.

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Lieut. J.G. Andrews, Sgt. Instr. J.C. Cave, and Cpl. R.S. Edwards have left us for London, Ont., where they are doing duty with the Tank School. No doubt, by now they are several layers deep in grease. We hear with pleasure that Capt. & Bt. Major F.F. Worthington, M.C., M.M., is the Chief Instructor at this School.

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While soldiering is our main business in life, it is gratifying to see one of our members Winnipeg prizes in other lines of endeavour. Congratulations to Bdn. H. Armstrong on his efforts in the Horticultural Show.

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Early in December Cpl. F.L. Mack left us on transfer to "B" Coy. at Esquimalt, B.C. In him we lost an excellent P.T. instructor, and it is small consolation to remember that this is undoubtedly "B" Coy.'s gain. Speaking of Cpl. Mack, we offer our congratulations on his excellent work on the P.T. Course at Kingston last summer, where he finished well at the top of his class in the face of stiff opposition.

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Cpl. F. Hall, "B" Coy., and Pte. Johnson, A. "A" Coy., have recently been promoted to the Garrison Establishment. Congratulations!

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As we go to press word is received of the departure of Colonel G.R. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College, London. We wish him a happy and successful stay in the Old Country. During Col. Pearkes' absence his duties as Director of Military Training and Staff Duties at National Defence Headquarters are being performed by Lieut. Colonel E.W. Sansom, D.S.O., C.S.A.S., who has been promoted to the temporary rank of Colonel for this purpose.

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On August 4th Pte. Petch was seriously injured in an automobile accident about 12 miles west of Winnipeg when he was returning from Yorkton, Sask. in company with Pte. Dobson and Pte. Lloyd. We sincerely regret to report that Pte. Lloyd died of injuries sustained in the accident. Pte. Dobson received minor cuts and bruises but is around again and no the worse for his unfortunate mishap. Pte. Petch is still in Winnipeg General Hospital and has the wishes of all the Company for a speedy and complete recovery.

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Another of our members took the well-known plunge last month in the person of R. G.M.S. C.F. Gamble and celebrated his marriage with Miss Catherine Deacon at Westminster United Church. Later on in the day R.G.M.S. Gamble's home on Lennox Street was the "zone of attack" by a host of well-wishing friends, and it is reported that everyone present had a most enjoyable time. Good luck to them both.

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"SPORT"

On April 20th and 21st., the Regimental Boxing Tournament was held in preparation for the Garrison Show the following week. Entries in all classes were heavy and some exceptionally good fighting was seen during the meet. Owing to lack of space we publish only a bare statement of the results.

Lightweight.

Pte. Krause was defeated by	Pte. Rothery	Tech K.O.
Pte. Ingram " " "	Pte. McNulty	Decision.
Pte. Kaye " " "	Pte. Clarke	Decision.

Welterweight.

Pte. Watson was defeated by	Pte. Harte	Decision.
Pte. Gilhooly " " "	Pte. McMurdo, C.H.	Tech K.O.
Pte. Day, R.A. " " "	Pte. Keir	Tech K.O.
Pte. Moir " " "	Pte. McPhail	Decision.

Middleweight.

Pte. Hepbell was defeated by	Pte. Adkin, J.	K.O.
Pte. Klywchuk " " "	Pte. Northmore, H.	Decision.
Pte. Sanderman " " "	Pte. Preston	Decision.
Pte. Northmore, B. was defeated by	Pte. Buxton,	Decision.
Pte. Eden was defeated by	Pte. Powell	K.O. extra round.
Pte. Vincent was defeated by	Pte. Hughes, L.	K.O.
Pte. Baldwin was defeated by	Licut. Ware	K.O.
Pte. Zulkosky was defeated by	Pte. Creelman	Tech K.O.

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Heavyweight.

Pte. McDonnell was defeated by 2/Lieut. Paquet Decision:

Light-Heavyweight.

Pte. Pismook was defeated by Pte. Benzio K.O.
 Pte. Johnson " " " Pte. Lambert Decision.

Lightweight.

Pte. Rothery was defeated by Pte. McMulty K.O.
 Pte. Vincent " " Pte. Clarke K.O.

Middleweight.

Pte. Grevstad was defeated by Pte. Adkin Decision.
 Pte. Preston was " " Pte. Northmore, H. Decision.
 Lieut. Ware " " " Pte. Hughes, L. Tech. K.O.

Novice Middleweight.

Pte. Creelman was defeated by Pte. Powell Decision.

Novice Welterweight.

Pte. Harte was defeated by Pte. McMurdo, C.H. K.O.
 Pte. Kier " " " Pte. McPhail Tech K.O.

Novice Light-Heavyweight.

Pte. Critchley retired injured. Fight awarded to Pte. Benzio.

Open Welterweight.

Pte. Day, J.C. was defeated by Pte. Hunter, S. Decision.

Open Middleweight.

Pte. Hunter A. was defeated by Lieut. Cotton Decision.

Novice Lightweight.

Pte. McMulty was defeated by Pte. Clarke Decision.

Novice Welterweight

Pte. McMurdo, C.H. was defeated by Pte. Clarke Tech K.O.

Novice Middleweight.

Pte. Powell was defeated by Pte. Hughes, L. K.O.

Novice Heavyweight.

2/Lieut. Paquet was defeated by Pte. Scrutton, E. Tech K.O.

Novice Light-Heavyweight

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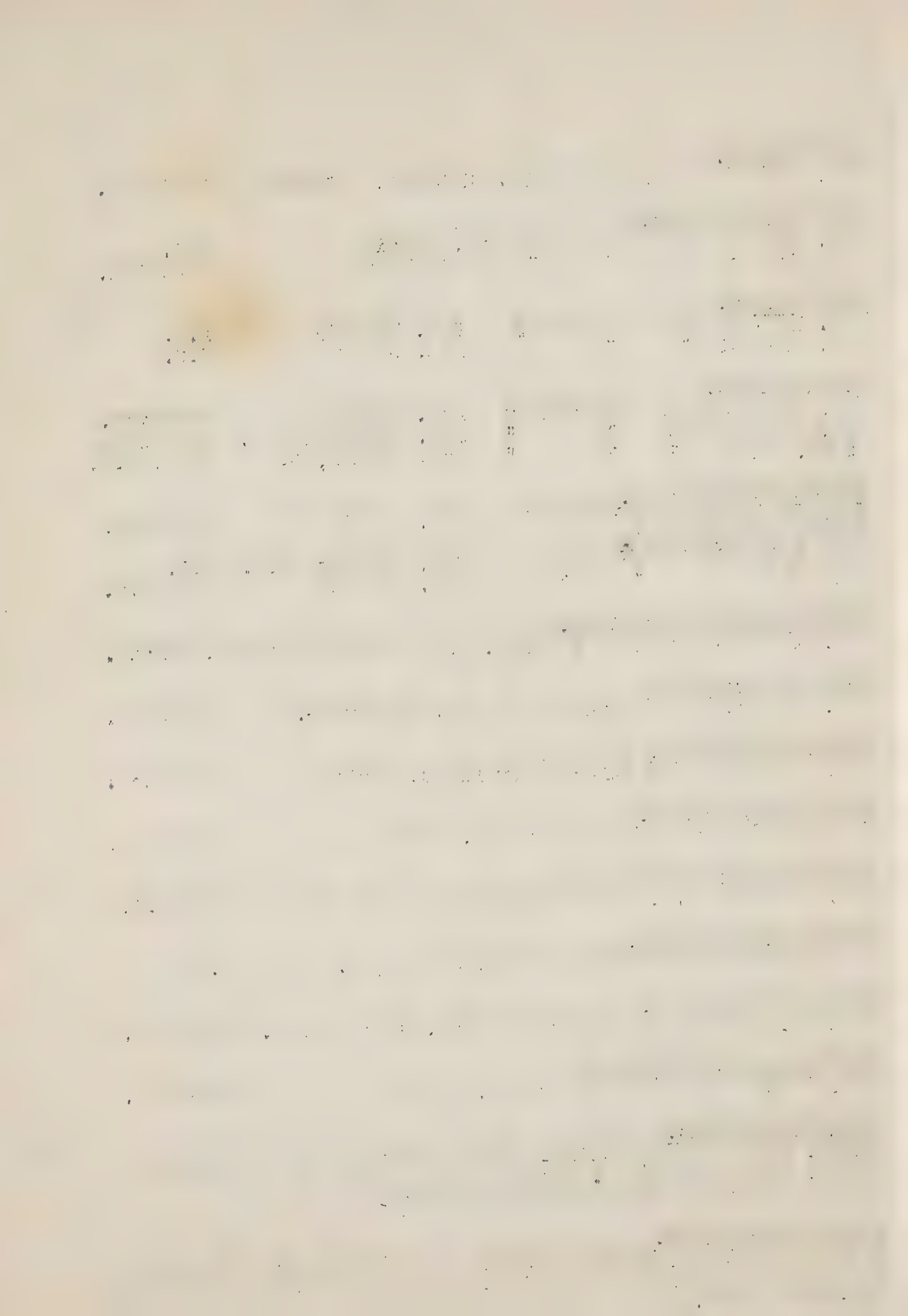
Open Lightweight.

L/Cpl. Toner awarded title. No opponent.

L/Cpl. Toner and A/Sgt. Stoddart gave a very fine exhibition bout in place of the lightweight finals.

Open Welterweight.

L/Cpl. Hughes, W. awarded title. Pte. Hunter, S. had been ordered not to fight by the M.O. owing to injuries received on previous night.



Open Middleweight.

L/Cpl. Hughes W. defeated Licut. Cotton

Decision.

Open Light-Heavyweight.

Pte. Kelly awarded title. No bout.

Open Heavyweight.

Cpl. Mack awarded title. No bout.

Cpl. Mack and Pte. Kelly gave a very fine exhibition in lieu of the open light-heavyweight and heavyweight bouts.

Prize for the best loser was awarded to Pte. McMurdo, C.H., who, although knocked out of the ring to the ground returned within 7 seconds and continued to fight until technically knocked out in the last round. He was an exceedingly "game" loser.

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On April 28th and 30th there came the Garrison Boxing Tournament. A number of fighters from the Regiment were entered in the competition, which, on both nights, drew a capacity crowd to the Riding School at Barracks. Preliminary bouts were held on the 28th in which Pte. Clarke, 134 lbs., gained a decision over Trooper Graham L.S.H. (R.C.); Pte. Hughes, L. 151 $\frac{1}{2}$ won from Cpl. Mason, L.S.H. (R.C.) 155 and Pte. Lambert 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ was given the nod over Trooper Wilson L.S.H. (R.C.) in the Novice Light-heavyweight.

In the first heat of the contest Trooper Wilson eliminated Pte. Scrutton, E.

The finals were held on the 30th April, when a large crowd was treated to 11 well-contested bouts. By weights are the results that followed.

Novice Featherweight.

Tpr. McCaw, L.S.H. (R.C.) awarded fight. Tpr. Purdom having been previously admitted to Hospital.

Novice Lightweight.

Pte. Clarke, PPCLI. awarded decision over L/Cpl. Matthews LSH (R.C.)

Novice Welterweight.

Tpr. Serrada. LSH (R.C.) awarded decision over Pte. McPhail, PPCLI.

Novice Middleweight.

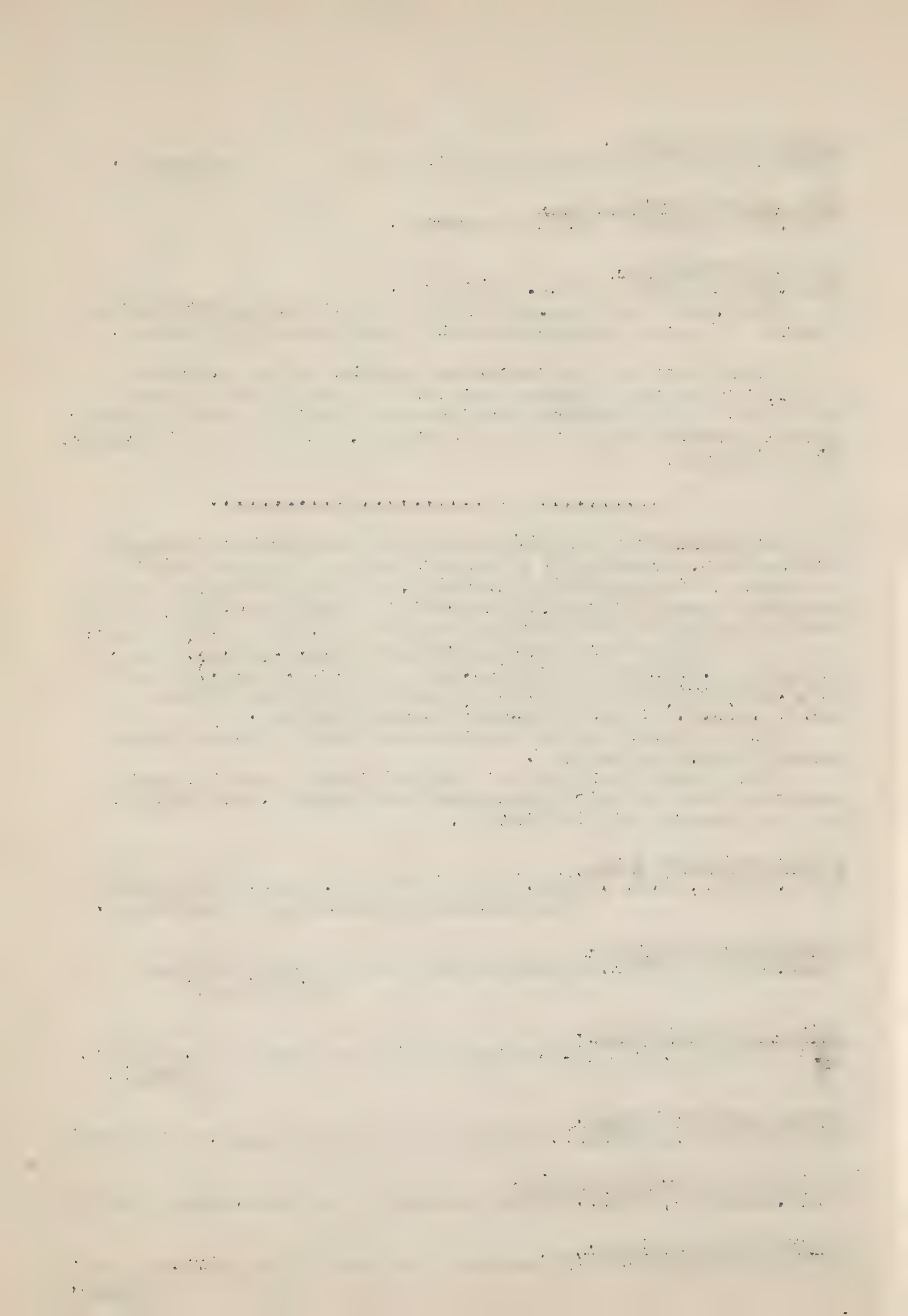
Pte. Hughes, L. PPCLI. awarded decision over Gnr. Farnell, RCHA

Novice Light-heavyweight.

Pte. Lambert, PPCLI. awarded decision over Tpr. Watson, LSH(RC)

Novice Heavyweight.

Trooper Wilson LSH (RC) awarded a decision over Gen. Slipetz RCHA.



Open Bantamweight

Tpr. Rothery LSH (RC) awarded decision over Siglr. Keeler,
LSH (RC)

Open Featherweight.

L/Sdr. Keeler RCMA knocked out Boy Seed RCMA in third round.

Open Lightweight.

L/Cpl. Toner, P. CHI. awarded decision over Tpr. Sinclair,
LSH (RC).

Open Welterweight.

L/Cpl. Hughes, PFCLI. awarded decision over lte. Dalrymple.
RCOC.

Open Middleweight.

Lieut. Cotton, PFCLI. awarded decision over Tpr. Clarke,
LSH (RC).

Open Light-heavyweight.

Pte. Kelly. PFCLI. No contest.

Open Heavyweight.

Cpl. Mack, PFCLI. No contest.

The officials for this meet, whose excellent efforts made the show the success it was, were as follows:-

Referee.	Major F.M.W. Harvey, VC. MC., L.S.H. (R.C.)
Judges.	Lt.-Col. R.L. Fortt, R.C.A. Q.M.S.I. (WO.II). J.T. Harper, P.P.C.L.I.(I.C.) Tuesday only. Lt.-Col. T. Dann, R.C.M.P. Thursday only.
Timekeeper.	Sgt. T.J. McLaughlin, L.S.H. (R.C.) Tuesday only. Arthur Morrison, Esq., Thursday only.
Recorder	Q.M.S. (WO.II) W.J.A. Wallace, P.P.C.L.I.
Announcer	R.S.M. (WO.I). K.E. McCulloch, P.P.C.L.I.
Chief Whip	Sgt. R. Dunn, P.P.C.L.I.

"ESQUIMALT STATION NOTES"

Spring and summer '36 have been busy times for "B" Company. The Physical Training Course conducted by Lieut. Coristine and Cpl. Linsley came to an end early in May, and L/Cpl. Polinsky was selected to at end the course at R.M.C. during the summer. Unfortunately, Cpl. Polinsky developed some awful malady which stiffened him up like a broken-down old sport, and was unable to finish the course. It was very hard luck, and we all sympathize with him. Incidentally one hears that Cpl. Mack of "A" Coy. was the "star turn" on the above-mentioned course. Congratulations!

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The Signallers had their little time-of-times also in May, when thirteen of them classified and some five others have made the first steps along the lines to extra pay. Among the changes wrought in our signal section are the appointments of Sergeant Quinn and Corporal Loveless as Signalling-Sergeant and Signalling-Corporal respectively. Several of our old signallers have been "promoted" out of this section. Ah, well! just one of the perils of seniority.

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The Machine Gunners are the proud possessors of some new transport, - to wit, one truck, Ford, V8, 2-ton, M.G.'s, for the use of. Their antics as they dash around, invading and perfecting a "drill" for use with the new vehicle are still a matter of awe and wonderment for the rest of the Company. Two of their number, (L/Cpl. Neil and Pte. Roberts E.O.) attended a course in C.L.M.G. Carrier work at Sarnia this summer, and earned their certificates, along with several pleasant comments from their instructors. As we go to press, rumours are rife of an increase in our M.T. Time marches on!

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Tactical training came into its own early in the season, when both MacAulley and Gorge Vale Golf Courses were the scene of heroic battles as the Company prepared itself for greater things at Healy's Camp. There, on June 25th, they captured, with great plan, an "enemy position" in depth in the vicinity of the butts. True, 5 Platoon shed a few tears as they supplied "supporting fire", but the sight of 6 Platoon dashing into the assault (wearing some hideous sort of masks that quite frightened all the enemy away) was a thrilling spectacle. Meanwhile the Machine Gunners made a lot of noise in rear and "mortar bombs" exploded with deadly effect, all of which gave a most realistic touch to the "battle". Some civilians who appeared on the scene were quite convinced of the seriousness of the occasion! The only casualty was the water-pipe at the 300-yd.

firing point, which suddenly developed geyser tendencies, thereby offering a new reference point for fire orders.

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On 19th. April Lieut. J.R.C. Sutherland returned from England (and other points of interest). According to his account, these courses abroad must indeed be "all-embracing". Those of us who remained, like the women of Troy, at home, are secretly quite jealous of him, (but of course we would never tell him that!).

Unable to "stay put" in one place very long, Mr. Sutherland left us for some five weeks in July and August to spend a pleasant time at Sarcee Camp, where he expounded at some length on the subject of Machine Guns. Back for the Machine Gun Concentration Camp at Heals, (where he distinguished himself as an inventor; more of that later) and, without pausing, he is off again, this time to Medicine Hat, Alta., to conduct a Provisional School for the South Alberta Regiment.

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Lieut. P.B. Coristine left us on 20th August en route to courses in England, but found himself too early for the above-mentioned so became attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment at St. Jean, Que. on the 5th September where, one hears, he has made quite an impression. He sailed for England early in October. The good wishes of all ranks go with him.

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At long last, the results of last Spring's Royal School came to light, and the following members of "B" Company found themselves qualified as under:

Pte. Hatch, D.I.	Q. Sergeant, M.G.
" Henry, H.J.A.M.	Q. Sergeant, M.G.
" Patterson, W.	Q. " "
" Robins, C.L.A.	Q. " "
" Snow, A.L.J.	Q. Corporal "

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On 25th April, C.Q.M.S. C.F. Lawrence was married at the Naval and Military Garrison Church, Esquimalt, to Miss Marie Pye, of Victoria. There was a large turnout for the wedding, which was one of the events of the Spring Season here. Following a reception at the home of the bride's uncle, the couple left for a honeymoon in California. They have made their home in Esquimalt.

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Sergeant-Instr. Falconer renewed his connection with the Signal Corps when, on 30th March, he left to conduct a School of Visual Telegraphy at Salmon Arm and Vernon. The results, one hears, were very satisfactory. It seems that Sergeant-Instr. Falconer made a "hit" up in those parts, for he is at present away in the same stamping grounds, this time on a Provisional School of Infantry.

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Ceremonial has played quite a part in our summer activities this year. On 24th May, and again on 26th July, there were held Church Parades in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, in conjunction with the other Services. On the 24th of May, a detachment from the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Ocholan" was on hand to help us celebrate "May Day" in good British fashion, and on the 24th July we had with us a large detachment from the H.M.S. "Apollo", which was paying a three-day visit to Victoria. The Royal Canadian Navy and the W.P.A.M. was out on both occasions in good numbers, and the general public was given a good show each time.

Then, on 1st. July, came the opening of the Vancouver Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The feature of the day was a great Naval, Military and Air Force Parade, of some three thousand troops, including about 650 from Vancouver Island, who were taken across on the 30th June on H.M.C.S. "Skeena" and "Vancouver", and brought home again on the night July 1st/2nd.

The parade formed just North of the Marine Building and marched through the city to Brockton Point, where, before the Grand Stand, the opening ceremonies of the celebration took place. Following this, the troops marched past the Minister of National Defence, and then made their way back to their parade grounds and billets by various routes through town.

It was a really fine "show" and there was no doubt of the public appreciation, as demonstrated by the thousands of spectators.

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The Camp School of Infantry and Machine Guns occupied our attention for some time after the Vancouver trip, and, though not a large school, it was a very successful one. The instructors, at least, enjoyed the weather after the rains of last Spring! Elsewhere in this issue appears the Song of the School. Like Ben Burnie, "we hope you like it."

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Hard on the heels of the Camp School of Infantry, came the Central Camp of Machine Guns. This was held, this year, for the first time, at Heals Range, and despite the limited space available for Field Firing, was quite successful. The 11th Bn., C.M.G.C., about seventy strong, came into camp for a week, followed by detachments from the Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment) and the Canadian Scottish Regiment, for the second week. The Camp was fortunate in having perfect weather throughout, and a good deal of worthwhile training was carried out.

It was at this Camp that Lieut. Sutherland distinguished himself as an inventor. Owing to a paucity of tracer ammunition for night firing, he felt himself to be "on his mettle", and, with the aid of some secret but potent concoction, and a hard afternoon's work on the part of one of the N.P.A.M. Officers attending the Camp, produced a type of round now known to fame as "dipped tracer". Witnesses aver that it was a huge success, and it undoubtedly gladdened the hearts of the Instructors.

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The M.G. Camp finished up on the 29th August and on the 1st. September "B" Company again put to sea, this time on the H.M.C.S. "Skeena" bound for Comox, V.I., of ancient fame, where, for a week, they alternated with the ships companies of H.M.C. Navy in the use of the Range, the Machine Gunners in particular getting in some good work. Our Signal Section also did some ship-to-shore Station Work in the evenings. The Naval procedure was found a bit baffling, but one or two important messages did indeed get through to their addressees.

Platoon and Company Tactical Training provided the greatest portion of our programme during this week and all portions of the "Spit" at one time or another were made the scene of fierce and noble encounters.

On Labor Day (aptly named!), in company with detachments from H.M.C.S. "Skeena" and "Vancouver", "B" Company paraded through Courtenay, for the benefit of the City Fathers and a large holiday crowd, and marched past in the Fair Grounds, following which they "continued the movement" down the highway, - for several days! In this issue will be found a map of our route down the Island which may be of interest to those who know the local geography. With the exception of a couple of days rain at and north of Nanaimo, the weather for the march was perfect, and the whole operation was highly successful.

Of course, there were difficult moments. Lieut. Wiswell had one at Nanaimo when he became stranded on the main road to Departure Bay in "Clarence", with, one hears, a member of the opposite sex who was (imagine it!) showing him the road to the local Market Gardens. It was noted that this occurred

after supper in the evening. "Clarence", for the benefit of Winnipeg and other "foreign" readers, is a Chevrolet, (we think: it also bears a Pontiac sign), of 1925 vintage, with a sturdy and reliable engine, four wheels and no top. "Clarence" is a masterpiece in transportation and is far and away ahead of all else in the competition for "Company Mascot".

Lieut. Fraser developed a new game at Cassidy's known as "hat, hat, who has the hat." Mr. Fraser hadn't -- it being securely hidden in a bale of blankets.

With Lieut. J.R. Sneed-Cox, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who made the "trek" with us, Mr. Fraser made several forays in search of game of all or any sort, but one gigantic salmon, which appeared from somewhere outside the C.O.'s tent, was the only prize they claimed for their efforts.

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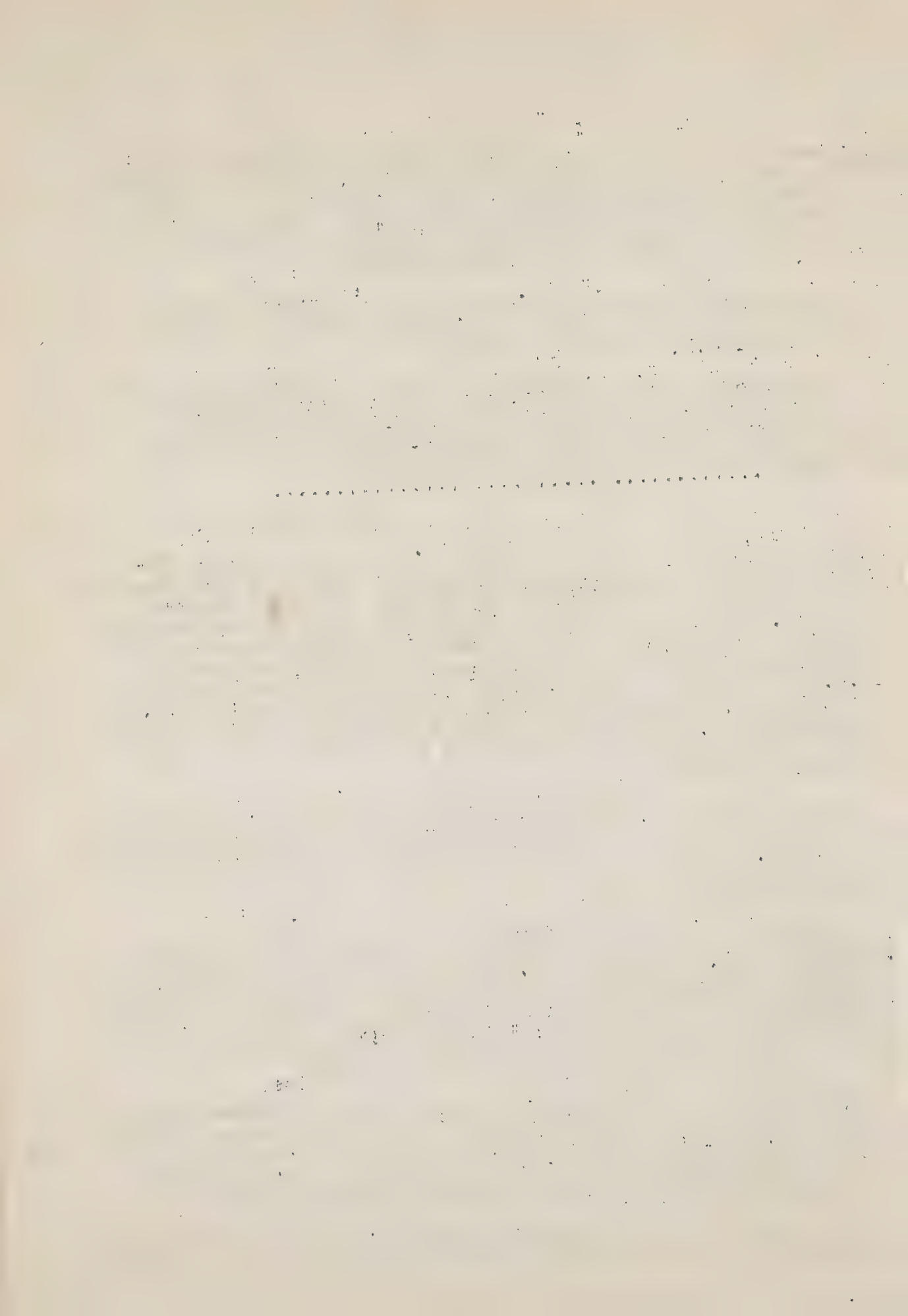
Then, there was some slight difficulty over the Mill Bay-Brentwood Ferry, if we remember correctly. For some inexplicable reason, the mighty ship decided to develop internal troubles just when we wanted to use it, and for two hours we sat on Mill Bay jetty, listening to some song about a doughnut that had jam in the middle. (A most excellent song, too! Ask Queenie Ross if you don't believe us). However, we started cheerfully over the Malahat, per "shanks mare", but hitch-hiked a ride from the R.C.A.S.C. when part way over arriving at Heals about 7:00 p.m. (pardon; 1900 hrs.) quite ready to do full justice to a somewhat delayed supper.

Among the heroes of the march we rate L/Cpl. Teskey, whose majestic figure presides over our culinary arrangements, and his able staff of assistants. They never failed to provide large and appetising meals at the appropriate time, even during the rains above-mentioned.

Our band also deserves more than a mere mention. Pipers (Mac-)Kelly and (Mac-)Price did long and noble work during the march, ably aided and abetted by the Drums and Bugles, including Sergt. Quinn, L/Cpl. Cook and Ptes. Barnes, Bradshaw and Mellis. Although they had very little time to practise before the march began, their efforts made the miles slip by with much less effort and fatigue, and we all echo: "Nice going!"

On the way down the road all Platoons were exercised in the duties of Advanced and Rear Guards, and in occupation of Out-Post positions. 5 Platoon earned laurels in this, by selecting a position which offered, not only a good field of fire, but a most excellent "feed" of large and juicy black-berries.

The health of the troops was good, and there was practically no trouble of a medical nature during the march, everyone arriving



Back at Work Point on 19th September in good shape. On the way in from Heals on the last morning the Company marched past Brigadier D.J. MacDonald, D.S.O., D.O.C., M.D.XI, just at the Gorge Bridge. Captain Hunt, on leave at the Coast, was present at this time.

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With furlough period come to an end, winter training got into full swing. There was for some time quite a shortage of officers, with Provisional Schools running all over the country. Captain Mitchell conducted a Combined School in Vancouver; Lieut. Sutherland was at Medicine Hat conducting a School of Infantry; while Lieut. Wiswell, S.M. I. Gibson and Sergt. Instr. Falconer organized a "four-ring circus" at Kamloops, Chase, Salmon Arm and Armstrong, B.C. and Lieut. Fraser conducted a Combined School here in Victoria.

At the conclusion of his School Lieut Sutherland left for "points East" where, we hear, he is to "take the fatal step." Long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland!

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A new arrival in our midst is Sgt. Bethell who has joined us from Winnipeg. We wish Sgt. and Mrs. Bethell a pleasant time here with us.

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The Following changes have occurred since our last issue:

A/Sgt. Bundock and A/Cpl Loveless were confirmed in their rank with effect 21st November, 1935.

A/Sgt. Bethell confirmed in his rank with effect 22nd June, 1936.

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The following were appointed L/Cpls., effective the dates shown opposite their names; we offer our congratulations:-

Pte. Chaplin, M.J.	21st. November, 1935.
" Montgomery, C.C.	28th. February, 1936.
" Teskey, W.	7th. May. 1936.
" Neil, T.	9th. May. 1936.
" Roberts, E.O.	1st. November, 1936.

The following have left "B" Company for other spheres of activity. The best wishes of their comrades go with them:-

Sergt. J. Kemp, whose pension became effective on 21st June.

L/Cpls. Nicholson, E. and Chaplin, M.J., who left the Service "By Purchase", on the 6th and 8th of May, respectively. L/Cpl Nicholson has gone to try his luck in the Yukon territory while L/Cpl Chaplin is now in the B.C. Police.

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Ptes. Hancock, K.G., Timms, A.R., Shaw, J.H., and Mellis, R.B., have been discharged since our last issue, whilst Cpl. H.M. Morris, M.M., and Pte. Badger, C., have retired to enjoy well-merited pensions.

Pte. Clark, W.T., was transferred to the R.C.A.M.C. on 29th February, and Sgt. Waterman, R.S.E., left us for Winnipeg on 10th March on transfer to "A" Company.

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In a recent general reallotting of accomodation in Work Point Barracks, "B" Company Orderly Room moved to a more commodious home in the former R.C.A.S.C. School building (adjacent to the Wet Canteen!), and the R.C.S. of I. & M.Gs., took over our former Orderly Room. Both moves confer a badly needed increase of working space on those concerned.

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The Christmas Season of 1936 was the gayest seen here for some years, - no doubt reflecting the general upward trend of business as a whole. Weeks before, our minds were turned to thoughts of Xmas carousals as we noted the cooks making mince-meat, cakes, etc., and early in December preparations started in earnest.

The first "event" of importance was the Christmas Party for the children, staged in the Fives Court on December 21st. About 30 children were the guests of the day, and enjoyed an afternoon's games, interrupted by sundry bottles of pop and ice-cream cones, and culminating in the arrival of Santa Claus, who proved to have gifts for every child there.

On Christmas Day, the Company assembled for dinner at 12.30 p.m. in a mess gaily transformed by Christmas decorations. Brigadier D.J. MacDonald, D.S.O., M.C., D.O.C., M.D. No. 11, and officers of the Garrison called in to drink the Season's toast. A noble meal was produced, after which most of us crawled slowly away to our quarters feeling uncomfortably full but very happy. Several ex-members of "B" Company were with us on this occasion. We were very glad to see them and only wish more would come.

The officers of the Garrison entertained at a dance in the Mess on New Year's Eve, when about 120 were present to enjoy a very successful evening.

On New Year's Day, Victoria offered many and varied attractions including a swimming race in the Inner Harbour (think that over, you Winnipeg people!) and a fine Boxing card in the afternoon, which a good many of us attended. What with the many dances arranged locally during the holiday season, the closing of 1936 was a huge success.

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On Boxing Day, we were "invaded" by the C.O.T.C. from the University of British Columbia, some 50 strong. A good week's training was carried out including drill, S.A.T., and tactics. On December, 31st, they took themselves home again to Vancouver for a final New Year's "fling" before returning to the University and more lectures.

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S.M.I. Bain, after a protracted illness, due to eye trouble, has recently gone on leave pending discharge to pension. A/C.S.M. G. Lawson and Cpl. H. "Pop" Morris have also left us for civil life and pension. Pte. Badger is now on "leave pending". We wish all the above many happy years of their new-found leisure.

A daughter was born to Sergt. and Mrs. Bundock on July 6th, 1936, weight eight and a half pounds. The new arrival, who has been named Colleen Emily, and is already reported to be complete mistress of the household.

Cpl. Dore and Pte. Ross have been admitted to that select coterie, the "Married Establishment".

Pte. Richardson, who was seriously injured in an automobile crash on Sept. 5th, 1936, is in Shoughnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver, where he is reported recovering slowly. We wish him a speedy return to health and duty.

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Since the last issue of the "Patrician" the following recruits have commenced their new career, and we all wish them the best of luck:

Daniels, J.A.	Ford, C.J.	Hood, G.F.
Moore, J.F.W.	Watts, N.M.	Browne-Clayton, R.D.
Farquharson, E.M.	Wood, J.D.	Woods, F.C.

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Congratulations are offered to Staff-Sergeant Smith and Cpl. Teskey on their recent promotion.

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On Saturday, December 26th, Lieut. J.R.G. Sutherland was married to Miss Kathleen Magee Yeates at London, Ontario. We wish the newly-weds long life and happiness and assure them a warm welcome at Esquimalt when they finish their honeymoon.

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As we go to press, Lieut. Fraser has left for Trenton, Ont., where he will fraternize with the R.C.A.F. for a month. We wish him good luck on his course.

As a last-minute flash we have the happy announcement of the arrival of a seven-and-a-half pound girl in the family of Captain and Mrs. R.L. Mitchell, at Saint Joseph's Hospital on 8th January, 1937.

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SPORTS AT ESQUIMALT

BOXING

It is already apparent that we on Esquimalt Station will benefit by the transfer of Cpl. F. Mack from Winnipeg. We sympathize with "A" Company in losing a good boxer and a fine instructor. Cpl. Mack will find here a good many novices who are willing to try and, with his help, we should produce a few boxers able to stand up against the best in the province.

On December 21st, we entered seven men in the Navy-Army Tournament held in the Armouries, Victoria. Although only the novices got a chance to show their wares they were a credit to the Company.

Patterson was matched with Pte. Farquharson, both of "B" Company. Both were willing to throw a lot of punches, but Patterson's hard pounding was too much for Farquharson in the second round and the referee awarded Patterson the bout on a technical K.O.

Pte. Hood, P.P.C.L.I. met Seaman Tate, of the Royal Canadian Navy. Tate, who has fought as a professional on several occasions, had his hands full in getting the call over Hood. This was Hood's first appearance in the ring, and, with a little more training he should become a very effective boxer.

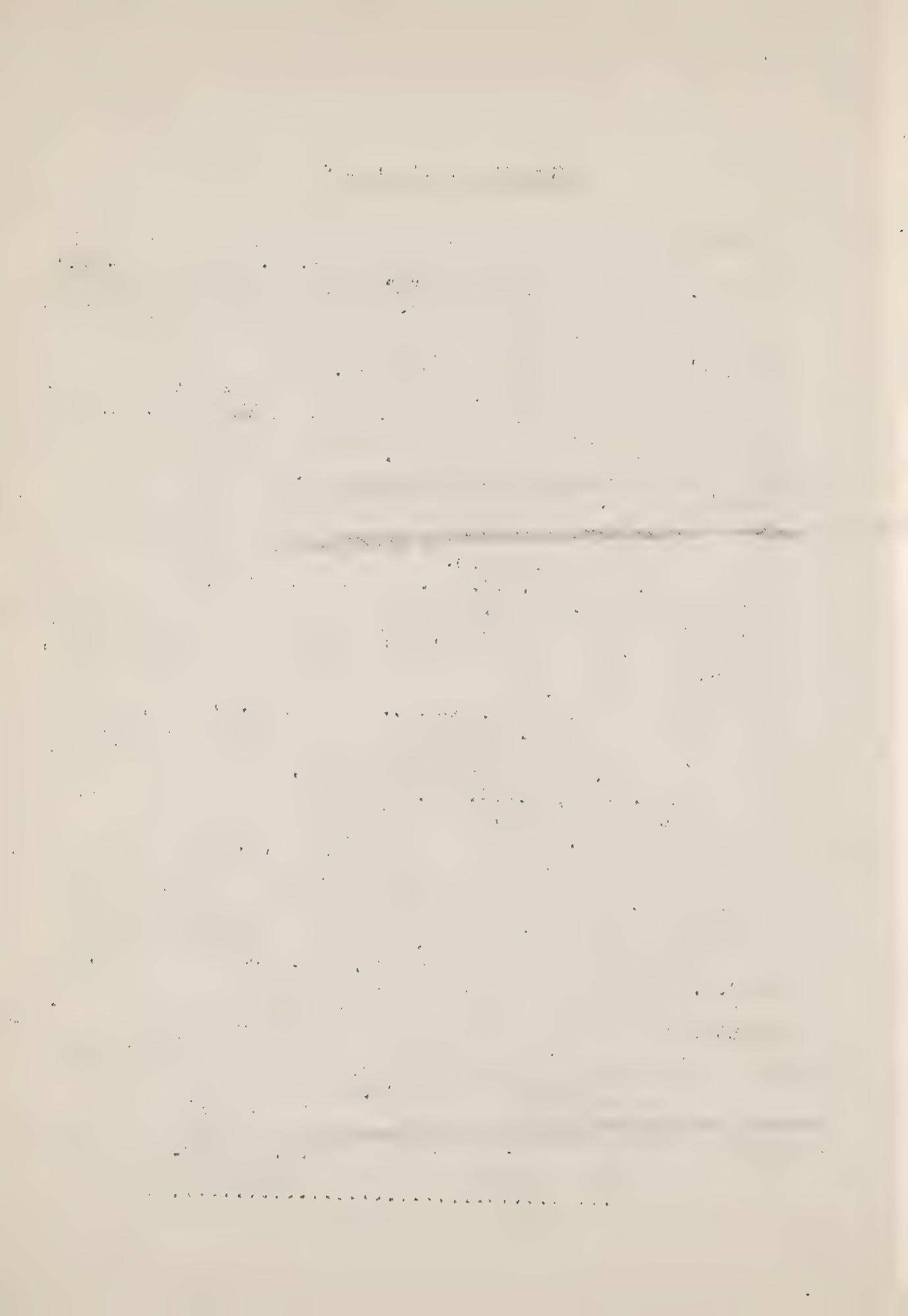
Private Wood, P.P.C.L.I., fought Pte. Darley, Canadian Scottish Regiment. There was lots of mixing in this bout, which was so close that at the end the referee had to toss a coin. Wood got the decision.

Pte. Ford, P.P.C.L.I., met Leading Seaman Stoney, Royal Canadian Navy. Stoney's years of experience won him this bout. Some of the old-timers in Winnipeg will remember Stoney, who was a member of "A" Company in 1925-26 and at that time was the light-weight champion of Winnipeg. He has been boxing ever since and Ford, who is a terrific hitter, never got a chance to catch up to his clever sea-going opponent.

Our two open class boxers, Pte. Stephen and Pte. Pocock, F.G. and did not get a chance to bring home trophies in their weights as opponents could not be found for them. Stephen and Pocock are middle and light-heavyweights respectively, and are among the best in the province. If they keep training hard this winter, they should stand a good chance at the Dominion honors.

All our boxers are hoping that there will be a combined training Camp this year so they can get a chance to show our Winnipeg friends a sample of B.C. Boxing.

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SPORTLIGHTS BY "GRANTLAND" BUNDOCK.

During our annual musketry Camp at Heals, a Smoker was held in the Men's Mess. SMI W.J. Gibson, M.C. occupied the chair and filled it in every sense of the word. Everyone played a great game at this indoor sport, but a certain private soldier successfully defended his championship and was presented with a medal and cup as undefeated champion of 1936. The medal was a work of art.

I hear that several of the troops went in secret training at Comex. Your commentator paid a flying visit there, but was unable to gather any information.

During Camp, Captain Edgar presented the football cups to members of the P.P.C.L.I. team that were Garrison Champs. 1935-36. We hope next year he may have the same happy duty, to a new team of younger players.

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The baseball and volley-ball league schedules were not finished owing to wet weather, but there were some exciting games played both in barracks and at Camp. The first game played between 5 and 6 Platoon ended in a draw after nine hectic innings in which several players compiled a good batting average. The league, if finished, would have been a very close race. I think the best chance was held by 6 Platoon with the pitching of Cpl. Teskey, who has a pronounced habit of striking out even the best batters.

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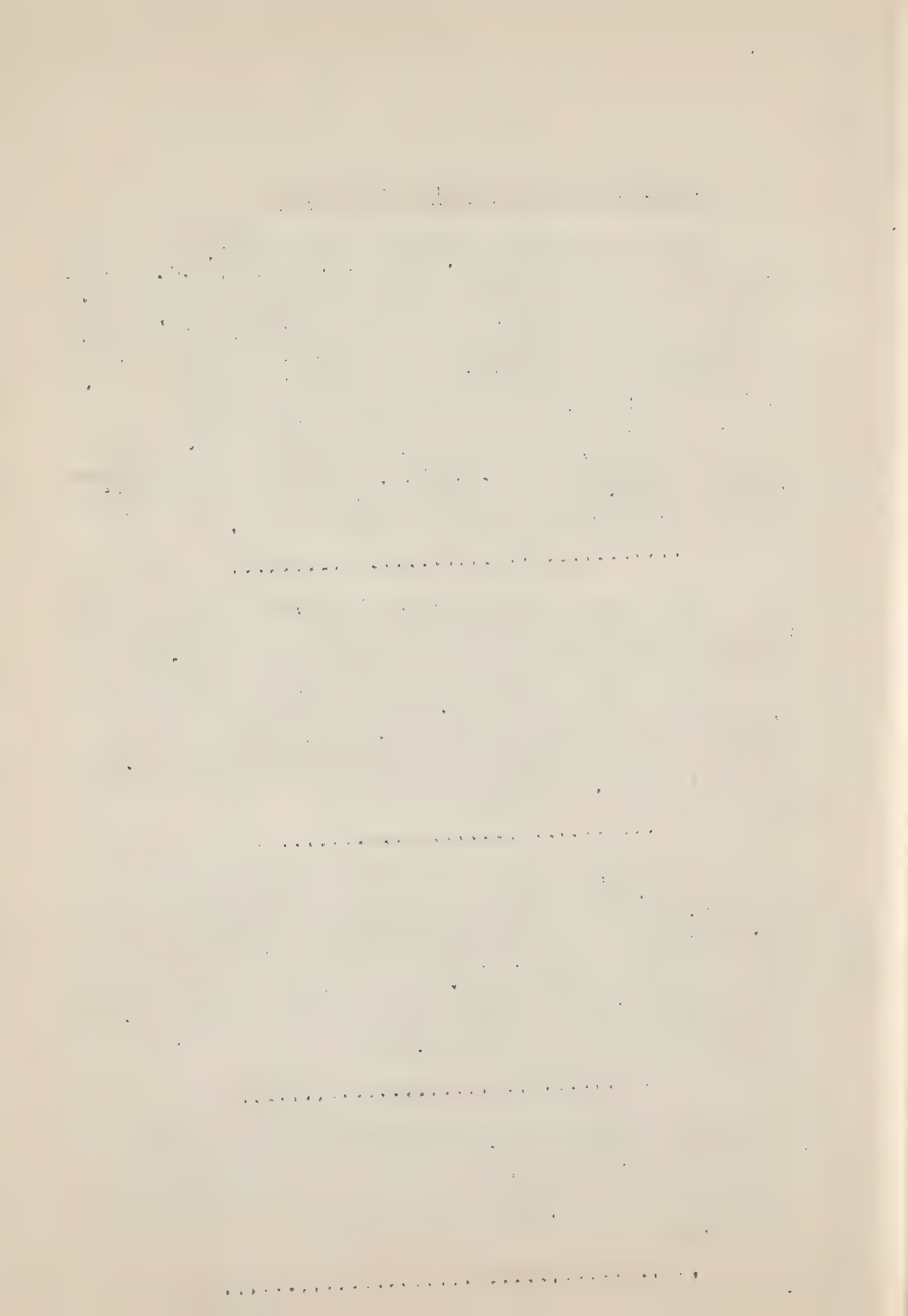
In November, play commenced in our inter-platoon soccer league. To date only half the league has been completed, with the Machine Gun Platoon a point in the lead. This they achieved by defeating 5 Platoon 2 to nothing on December 8th, all the other games played so far having resulted in a tie.

In passing, I should mention the good work of Pte. Glendinning on both unit and Garrison Soccer teams. His goal is pretty nearly air-tight.

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The badminton season is now in full swing and the Work Point Club is again in operation with a full quota of members from "B" Company. There are a number of cups open for competition this year and I notice a few bare spots in our cupboard. We hope our lads will bring home the bacon.

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SHOOTING NOTES.

The Garrison Rifle Association got off to a good start this season by winning the "Gordon Trophy" with a record score of 1130 points out of a possible 1200. The following members of the regiment were on the team and scored as follows:-

S.M.I. W.H. Wood	141	
Pte. C.L.A. Robins	146	(High Score)
Pte. H. Thorburn	136	

During the annual meeting of the B.C.R.A. held at Heals Range in July the Garrison Team won the "Nichol" Cup for the highest score in the Lieut. Governor's Match.

Pte. Thorburn won the "Victoria" Cup making a possible 50 in the match and shooting off with Cpl. Gibault and Pte. Sanderson of Vancouver, beating them both.

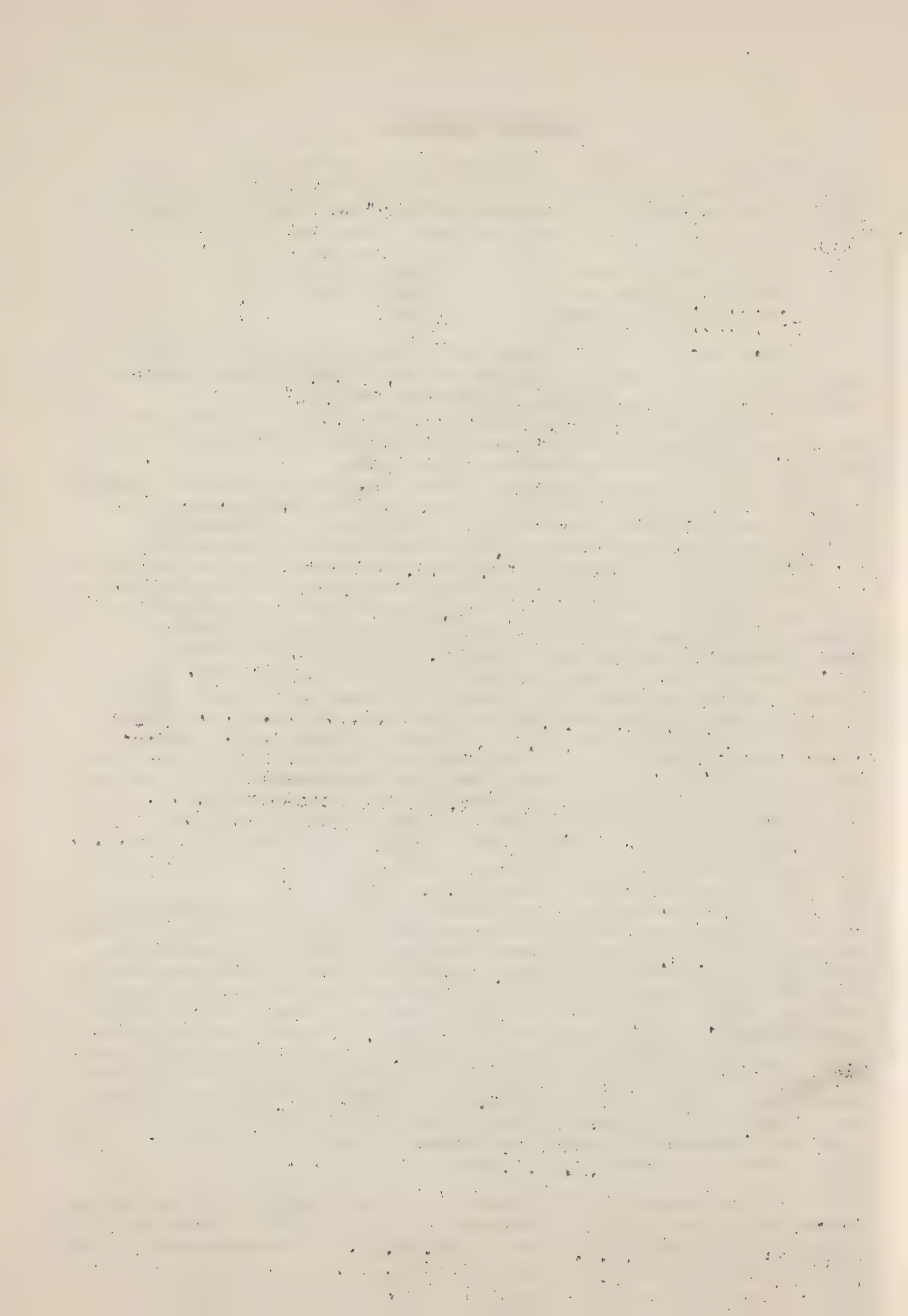
The Tyro Team, composed of Pte. C. Robins, Pte. W. Stephen and Pte. Glendinning, of "B" Company and Boy Richards, R.C.O.C. won the "Gilletly Cup". This team was coached by S.M.I. Wood and tied for the "R.C.M.P. Shield" (Rapid Fire) but lost to Lieut. Mcleay, Irish Fusiliers, in the shoot-off.

At the close of the meet, Pte. Robins was the recipient of a Rolls Razor, for turning in the highest Tyro score of the year. This prize was donated by Mr. MacGibbon, a former Range Warden, as an encouragement to young competitors.

Four members of the Garrison proceeded to Toronto and Ottawa namely, S.M.I. W.H. Wood, P.P.C.L.I., S.M. A.E. Evans, R.C.O.C. Grr. Rassmussen, R.C.A. and Pte. Robins, P.C.L.I. At Toronto, S.M.I. Wood won the "Cornwall and York" match, seven shots at 200 and 600 yds, scoring a possible 70 and tying with Cpl. Whitehead, a local shot. In the shoot-off S.M.I. Wood won the Silver Medallion, scoring 24 to Whitehead's 23. In the "Tate Brassey" match fired at 200, 500 and 600 yds, S.M.I. Wood took top money with a score of 104, the first on score at 200 being the only inner made. S.M. A.E. Evans came second in the "Our Friends" match with 69 out of 70.

The main feature of the Ottawa shoot was the magnificent effort of Pte. C. Robins in winning His Majesty the King's Medal for the best shot in the Army. (Canada) This is probably the hardest shoot, under service conditions, that a riflemen has to contend with. Pte. Robins made a score of 173 out of a possible 200 and finished one point ahead of Sgt. C. Foam, of the 48th. Highlanders, a well-known Bisley shot. This is the second time only that the medal has been won by a member of the Permanent Force, the first being Major J. Jeffry, R.C.R. who won it several years ago. The British Columbia Team won the "Merchants Cup", an interprovincial competition fired at 900 and 1000 yds. The team was coached by S.M. A.E. Evans and S.M.I. Wood was the only other Garrison member on the team, scoring 95 out of a possible 100.

Two members of the Garrison made the final of the Governor General's match, S.M.I. Wood and S. M. A.E. Evans, scoring 101 and 102 respectively. In the final S.M.I. Wood finished in 21st place with 168 out of a possible 175.



A VISIT TO CANADA

By Lieutenant J. M. White, 60th Rifles

(Re-published from "The Rifle Brigade Chronicle, 1935".)

On a recent visit to Canada I had the opportunity of meeting two of the Allied Regiments of the Rifle Brigade; Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry of the Permanent Active Militia and The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, Non-Permanent Active Militia.

On landing at Victoria, Vancouver Island, from Seattle, U.S.A., I went to visit a detachment of the P.P.C.L.I. stationed at Esquimalt, which is only two miles from Victoria. I must confess I was agreeably surprised by what I saw and, after seeing them again in Winnipeg, I realized that the P.P.C.L.I. can only be compared with the very best of British Regiments. Both officers and men are extremely smart and efficient. Officers are kept up to a high standard of efficiency by having to instruct both their own men and the non-permanent active militia almost continuously. They certainly work three times as hard as the average British officer! As for the men, recruits must possess the equivalent of a 1st.-class certificate of education, must be at least 5 feet nine inches in height, of first-class physical development, and unless they qualify as marksmen they stand a very good chance of being removed from the Service! All these men are expected to qualify and act as instructors to the non-permanent militia. After spending a day or two on route at Banff and Regina I arrived at Winnipeg, 1480 miles from the Pacific. Winnipeg is the headquarters of the P.P.C.L.I. Here I met Lieut.-Colonel H.W. Niven, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding. He is well-known to many officers of the 60th and Rifle Brigade, as he was with Princess Pat's when they were brigaded together in 1915.

I soon realized what perfect hosts the Canadians are and I rarely remember having enjoyed three days more than in Winnipeg under Colonel Niven's care. All Canadians I met, both here and elsewhere, were full of kindness and hospitality and I never want to meet a nicer lot of people.

In Winnipeg I also met the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, a non-permanent militia unit, allied with the Rifle Brigade. This Regiment was awarded the title of "Royal" in this year's Jubilee honours. The officers wear much the same green serge as the Rifle Brigade and in the Mess there are various trophies presented by the Rifle Brigade.

I think the Canadian regiments deserve as much support as we can give them. The non-permanent units are extraordinarily keen and put up a wonderful fight against financial and political difficulties. One wonders how our Territorials

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A DAY IN THE ROYAL SCHOOL.

By

Captain R.G.L. Parker, 2nd Canadian Scottish Regt.

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(Tune: Mademoiselle from Armentieres.)

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The instructors fell in on the square, parlez-vous,
The instructors fell in on the square, parlez-vous,
The instructors fell in on the square and bit large pieces out
of the air,
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

The N.C.O's they came to the slope, parlez-vous,
The N.C.O's they came to the slope, parlez-vous,
The N.C.O's they came to the slope, joined their squads and gave
up hope,
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

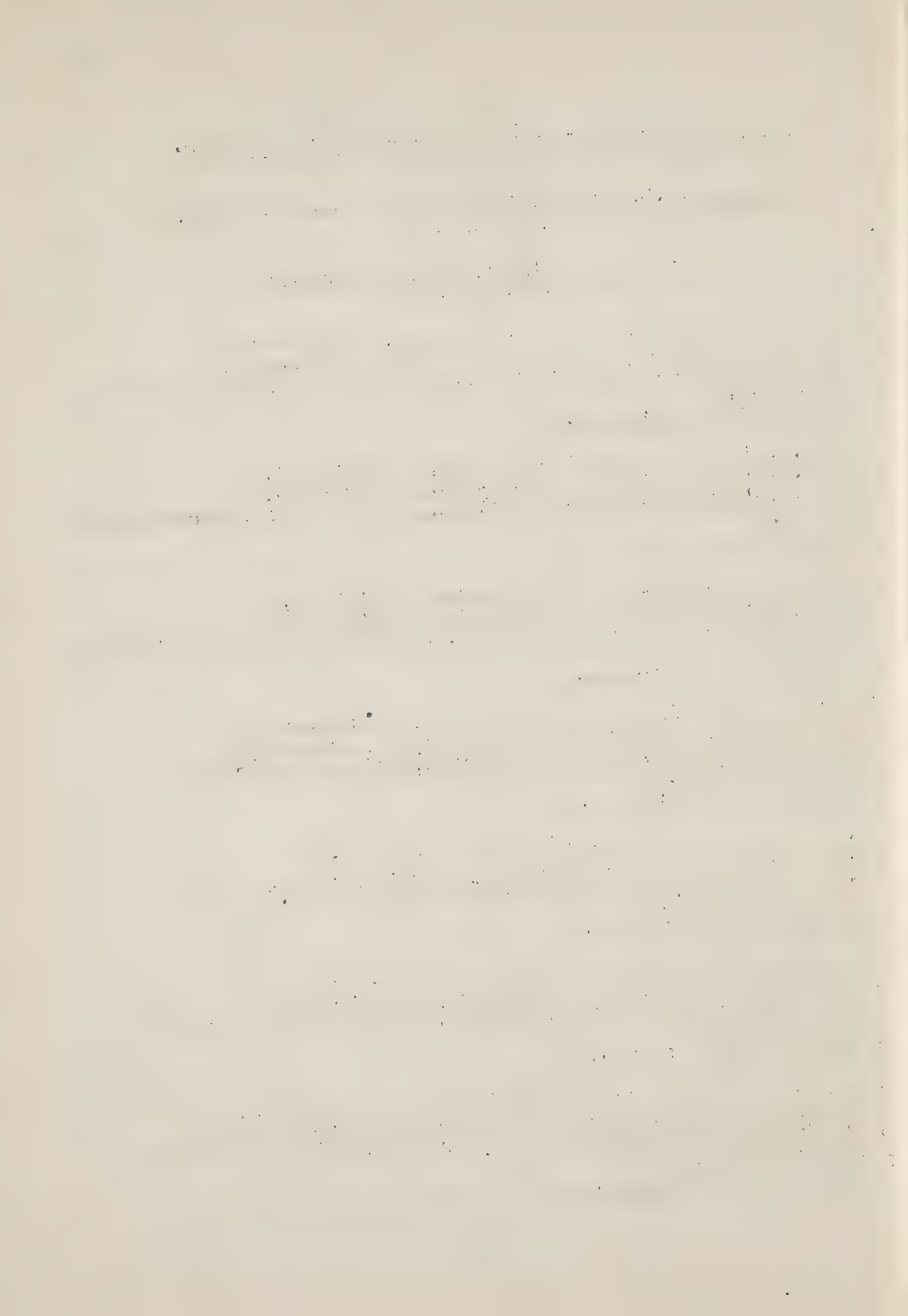
The subalterns fell in two by two, parlez-vous,
The subalterns fell in two by two, parlez-vous,
The subalterns fell in two by two, shorts and kilts and "What
have you",
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

The captains fell in up at the front, parlez-vous,
The captains fell in up at the front, parlez-vous,
The captains fell in up at the front, doing their own
particular stunt,
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

Mr. White took over the School, parlez-vous,
Mr. White took over the School, parlez-vous,
Mr. White took over the School, "Stand still No.4, quit
playing the fool".
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

Each little squad then went its way, parlez-vous,
Each little squad then went its way, parlez-vous,
Each little squad then went its way, to face the grief of
another day,
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.

So here's to those who worry and sweat, parlez-vous,
To teach us the stuff we ought to get, parlez-vous,
Let's drink a toast and then confess we hope their shadows
never grow less,
Hinky dinky parlez-vous.



Old



P.P's.

On the evening of July 1st ex-members of the Overseas Battalion in Vancouver, played host to present members of "B" Company. Mr. Lyall Fraser was in the chair. During the evening two motion pictures were shown, one being "The Return of the P.P.C.L.I. from Overseas" and the other "A Gymnastic Display by the P.P.C.L.I.", taken in Winnipeg last year. Both pictures were much appreciated as were the musical numbers that followed. They were supplied by some volunteers from "The Home Gas Optimists" and several of the crowd. It was a most enjoyable "smoker", and one which served to cement the bonds of comradeship and esprit de corps.

Among the old-timers present was noted ex-R.S.M. T. Turnbull, who now resides in Vancouver. T.T.J., by the way, is R.S.M. of the Veterans Battalion, a unit of ex-service-men who have been staging a very fine drill exhibition weekly during the Jubilee celebrations. Harry Wing, now a member of the Corps of Commissionaires, and G.E. Horsefield, now in the Vancouver City Police Force were also present

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Besides those Old Comrades who turned out for the smoker, several ex-Patricids came around during the Jubilee Celebrations to say "Hello" to the serving members. Among them were Archie Turnbull and Bill Walker who now live at 317 West 7th Street. Walker is now in the Seaforths and made a good showing for them at the B.C.R.A.

Vic Matthews and "Hoose" Turner were also seen. Matthews is now working at Port Alberni and Turner has just finished a term of logging in the interior. L/Cpl. Moore, who used to perform wonders with the M.G. motorcycle at Winnipeg has just landed in Vancouver where he now seeks his fortune, and Mac-Andless has appeared in Victoria where we have been in touch with him for some time now. We understand he has since returned to Winnipeg.

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The Winnipeg Patricia Club held their Annual Dinner on the 9th May, after the Regiment had "Trooped the Colour".

The Dinner was held at the St. Regis Hotel and there were 65 present, including 6 officers and 12 warrant and senior non-commissioned officers of the present battalion.

Fred Hinds occupied the Chair, and others at the head table were Geo. Barclay, Bill Sterling, Lt.Col. Niven, Jim Fuller, Fred Gillingham, Major Carvosso and R.S.M. McCulloch.

The speaker of the evening was Lt.Col. Niven, who spoke of the glorious traditions made by the Regiment on the 8th May, 1915. Col. Niven mentioned that the Regiment "pulled off" the first "raid" in British Army history and made the first "bombs" used during the late war, the bombs being made from old Army jam-tins, filled with nails, pieces of wire, etc., primed with powder and home-made fuses.

Jimmy Vaughan replied to Col. Niven's speech and also gave a comic dialogue which was much appreciated by all present.

Fred Gillingham was asked to make a speech, but, as usual, passed the buck to someone else.

R.S.M. McCulloch spoke for the serving members of the Regiment, and Lt. Paquet led the gang in singing "Allouette".

The walls of the dining room were, as usual, lined with regimental pictures and the head table was decorated with regimental souvenirs, including the Rifle Brigade and P.P.C.L.I. statuettes and the 49th Bn. Shell Jug.

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A VISIT TO CANADA.

(Continued from page 24)

would manage on a total annual grant of about ten day's pay for about 120 men. With this tiny sum the non-permanent units keep a very creditable show going. No officer or man takes his pay, all goes into the regimental funds; there are no luxuries like regular adjutants, regular permanent staff or liberal financial grants. The regiments do their own dirty work, although it may mean giving up four or five nights a week. Some non-permanent regiments have built themselves very fine messes and their keenness goes as far as equipping the whole regiment with full dress, which they wear on all big ceremonial parades! It seems strange that while full dress is a rare sight in England, in Canada one may see whole regiments dressed in the uniform of the 60th, Rifle Brigade, Guards or Highlanders!

In addition to the P.P.C.L.I. and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, I visited the Regina Rifle Regiment, Victoria Rifles of Canada and the Royal Rifles of Canada, these last three being allied with the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

I came away from Canada with the greatest admiration for Canadians and I feel most strongly that we, at home, should do all we can to make the link of inter-regimental alliance really alive. I think the best way we can do this is to encourage Canadians of our allied regiments to let us know when they are over here, and, when we do meet them, to extend to them that genuine hospitality which I know any officer or man of the 60th, or Rifle Brigade, would receive if they visited Canada.

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VANCOUVER LETTER

Well, that's that! The particular "that" in this case being the big military parade on 1st. July, to mark the opening of Vancouver's widely-publicized Golden Jubilee.

Well over two thousand troops paraded for this event, the largest military assembly ever held in this city since the days of the Big Argument.

In view of the fact that nearly all members of "B" Company P.P.C.L.I. were in Vancouver for this parade, that many other members of Permanent Force units were also over, that the parade was given much publicity by newspapers and over the C.R.C. network, your yawns will be anticipated and a repetition of description will not be perpetrated by this scribe. Suffice it is to say that all comment in connection therewith, verbal and printed, was entirely complimentary. Every detail and movement, from start to finish, passed off as smooth as a strip of velvet,

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On the evening of the 1st. a very enjoyable P.P.C.L.I. Re-Union Smoking Concert was held in the hall of the Canadian Legion, more of which elsewhere in this paper.

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Two deaths and a birth took place on 31st. May when the Irish Fusiliers of Canada and the Vancouver Regiment ceased to exist and a few moments later were reborn as the Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment). A well-attended ceremony in the Arena marked the occasion, followed by a regimental smoking concert. R.S.M. J.J. Burke, of that unit, is an ex-Patricia. Sure enough, they never die!

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The Seaforth Highlanders, proud possessor of a new Armoury which is second to none that we have seen, recently carried out the ancient ceremony of Trooping the Colours on the occasion of the visit of his Excellency, the Governor General to Vancouver. Their intensive training of this summer was quite evident in the splendid showing they made.

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"The Married Wanderer Returns"

Shades of the Comox Route March.

"Did you hear about Joe?"

"No. What?"

"He's off!-----"

"Got that long furlough at last? Good ole Joe, he needed--"

"No, you dim-wit--off his rocker!!"

"Good Lord, -- off his nut! How did that happen?"

With the last eager query addressed to him by a chorus of cheery and expectant voices, and even the canteen-wallah craning his neck over the bar, Lats felt that he was assured of an attentive audience. So he pushed his chair, common, against the wall at a comfortable angle, blew out a slightly misplaced chest of some fifteen year's service and reached absent-mindedly for Pte. Witherbottom-Hoodleigh's eight ounces of foam.

"I on'y heard it this mornin', but its true", he began, licking the evidence of four ounces from under something remarkably like a nose. "Got it from the fella with the swill contract who knows a gal which lives next to Joe's sister-in-law". He polished off the other four, and miraculously another crystal beaker seemed to steer itself straight against his outstretched fingers.

"It started last Sunday -- the 20th, you 'member". "How did it start"?, queried a Cal-ade and Chocolate bar from the rear of the group, to be ignored entirely by Lats and the rest.

"Well, early Sunday morning, he began to stir uneasily in his sleep. It was a dull, foggy day, and the bell-buoy out in the harbour could be heard knocking double strokes to a slight swell. Fog horns were hooting in the distance-- the whole set-up calculated to be restful and homey for anybody bein' on this station as long as Joe.

But he began to mutter in his sleep as if somethin' was botherin' him. About then his wife woke up and heard him moan, "Blimey, its cold". It wasn't you see, but it didn't make sense to her. So she sat up and listened to the knell of the hooters and the buoys, when suddenly he yelled, "Lie down, you swab, dya wanna freeze me -- reveille aint till four bells"!

"Now this was sumpin' new to Joe's missus -- the language and the way it was used, so she lay down and thought. As she was thinkin', a young kid down on the street blows a toy-whistle, whereupon Joe roars, "Tents down, blankets in" at the top of his voice."

"By this time the good woman was getting quite scared, so she edges away, taking most of the covers with her. Joe comes back in kind by putting his end under him and doing one smart about-turn, leaving her high and dry. This wasn't so good, what with the fog drifting in the window, so to stop a sneeze the frau lets go a beautiful snort with her handkerchief.

At once Joe bounces out of bed, gallops her on the back porch, and hollers, "Show a leg, ye lubber".

Without stopping once the poor old boy hops into his boots and undershorts and beats it off for the kitchen, and before she knows it he's got his ears between his knees, washing in a soup-plate on the floor.

Too scared to move, missus waits till Joe comes back with a sheepish grin on his face, seeming quite normal, and says, "Gee, its great to be home again".

All through breakfast the ol' boy is his usual self, and wife begins to think maybe its just something he et. He kinda seemed moody though, and when up he gets and grabs a handful of sand from a flower pot, she prepares for the worst. Only Joe just calmly strolls over and washes his plate an' tools in the dog's drinking bowl, using the sand for soap.

The good missus decides maybe a bit of fresh air ill do Joe good so she gets him outside the house where he stands with his feet a regulation 12" apart and stares into space. "Come on, Joe", she says, and you could of knocked her over when he clicks his heels, goes through a Houdini pass with his hands, all the time counting one,-and,-two-and-three, and strikes off for the tall timbers like a hare after a turtle.

"But, Lets", interposed Pte. Witherbottom--Hoodleigh, "hares don't chase tortoises".

"Naa! go peddle your first-class somewhere else", derided Lets as he grabbed young Effingham's tumbler as a consolation prize--W.H. being pretty quick with his bear if not with his brains.

"So,-oo", continued Lets, easing a slight abdominal over-development by allowing his belt to untuck one hole, "after Mrs. Joe had followed the joy of her life for nearly an hour, she became a bit winded. "Don't ya think its time we had a rest, Joe"? she says in a kind of pleading way. "MiGawd" says Joe sort of shocked as he pulled out his pocket Ben, "Ten To". And there and then he pulls off his coat, sits on the grass, and sticks them big dogs of his up in the air. "Ten", he says, "got an apple"?

Now his frau hadn't been accused of looking like Eve for a blasted long time; so she got to suspecting more and more. 'Specially as the grass Joe had chose to park on belonged to the front door of the Cathedral and it was just going eleven.

"Come on, Joe", she says, "we gotta push". "Nix", says he, "whistle hasn't gone, and besides the Main Body aint in sight".

"Joe", she comes back, "this aint no funeral, these people are just going to church. It's Sunday and nothin' exciting's coming your way"! With that she give him a hoist and he gets his coat on and away they go again, Joe with one thumb tucked in his braces.

Pretty soon he begins to cuss and swear as to how he'll get it if he dies. That's just what she's afraid of, so she asks, "What"?; but instead of explaining he breaks out humming to

(or pretty much to) himself, because only a few people turn to look. Well, anyway, this goes on till they get to the hill this side of Johnson Street Bridge when the old boy suddenly strikes across the road hollering "Up -- Up, going up"!

There's a lot of cars coming over the bridge and she guides him gently by the arm, but instead he jumps out in the middle of the road, waves at a car and yells, "Keep it down"! Then he ups with both hands to his mouth and roars, "Keep t'yer R-R-Right"!!

This is too much for the ol' lady. She'd sooner have the humming, so she asks sweetly what he was singing a while back. Joe then says again he's going to die, or get it or something and he's away to a fresh start. So to take his mind off things she starts talking about all the things they're going to have for dinner, and how nice they'll taste, "and", she finished, "Joe, we're going to have your favourite dessert -- jelly rolls"!

With a shriek, poor ol' Joe jumps four feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the air, and in the middle of it yells at the top of his voice, "Da-da-d do-dunk did have ik vanilla"!, and falls in a dead faint with froth on his chin!

"Gosh"!, said a repeat order of Popsicle, as a bicycle tire somewhere in his tunic suddenly developed a flat, "was it congenital epilepsy"?

"Naw"!, scorned W.-H. with all the superiority of four month's service directed against a more raw recruit of two, "the condition was undoubtedly ~~was~~ not of hereditary origin, but an acute physiological one, localized in the intestinal tract, though aggravated by a pronounced psychose, and probably originating from the ministrations of a former Company Cook, who yearned to turn his marked aptitude in culinary matters into a more artistic channel -- namely, the ballad-".

Lats gravely bowed his head in acquiescence, under cover of which he retrieved the speaker's last beer.

Bang, bang, bang!, went the mighty fist of the canteen-wallah as he pulled down the wicket. Which only proves that sometimes it pays to be quicker with the beer!

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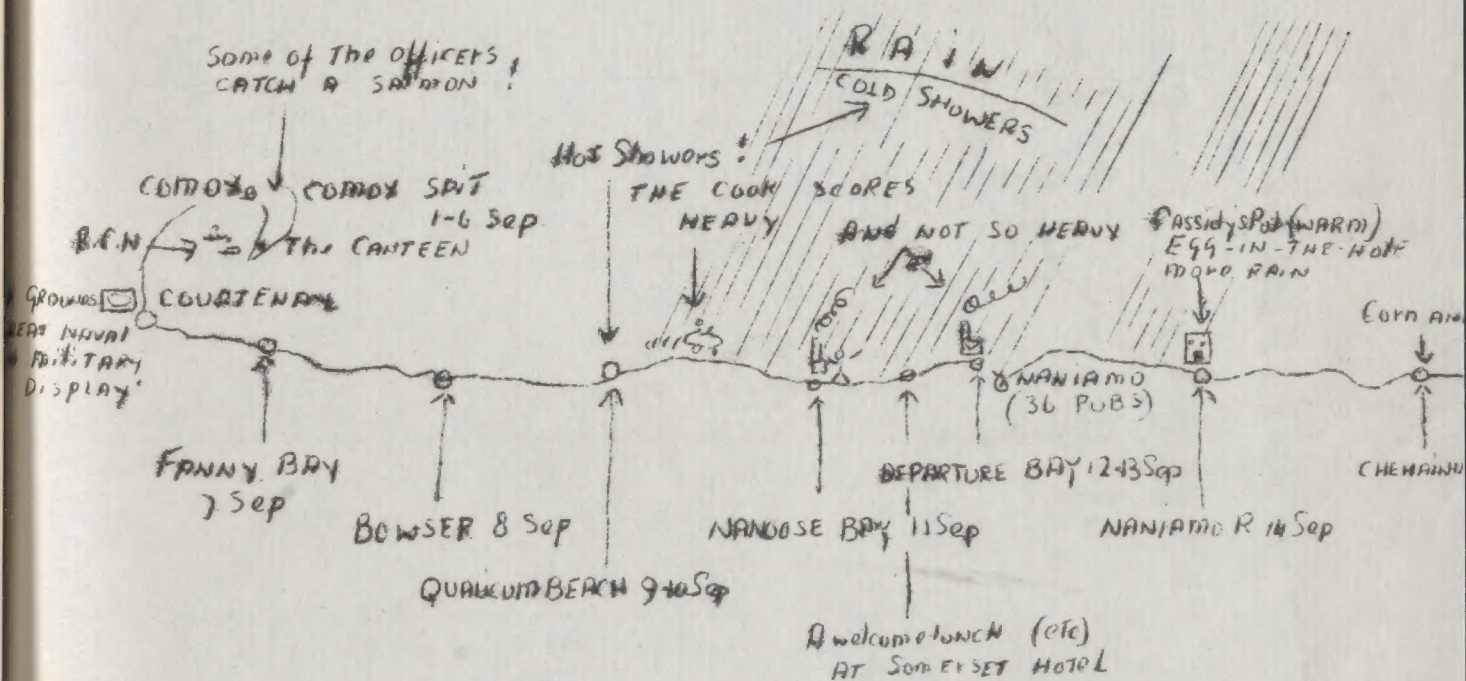
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